correspondingly increase. There are several cases which may be filed either in the City Courts or in the Cantonment Courts. If the cases are delayed in the City, the parties may go to the Cantonment Courts. In this case, the stamp revenue will suffer. To prevent these hardships, it is suggested that a separate Small Cause Court with pecuniary jurisdiction up to Rs. 500 may be established in Bangalore City.

Third Member of Council.—Munsiffs have now jurisdiction up to Rs. 50. The new court may have jurisdiction from Re. 1 to Rs. 500. If this be the case, Munsiffs will have very little work and the Chief Court will not agree to such an arrangement. Moreover, parties will be deprived of the right of appeal if there should be a Special Court as suggested. The pending cases are few and no separate Court is necessary.

Mr. Paramasivaiya.—Parties should not be deprived of the right of appeal. Already, there is inconvenience even up to Rs. 300. I do not think there is congestion even in the Sub-Court.

Dewan.—Cannot be done.

SUBJECT No. 253.

Lunatic Asylum at Bangalore.

Messrs. B. V. Krishna Iyengar and S. K. Narasimhaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. Gopalasami Iyer.—In western countries, Lunatic Asylums are located in places where there is good sanitation and pure air. In Mysore, it is located in an insanitary place which was a dilapidated *chattram* before. Steps should be taken to remove it from this locality.

Third Member of Council.—Government have decided to construct new buildings not only for the Lunatic Asylum but also for the treatment of Mental Diseases. It is mainly a question of funds and will be taken up as soon as money is made available.

SUBJECT No. 259.

Construction of a Hostel at Bangalore.

Mr. R. Gopalasawmy Iyer, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. R. Gopalaswamy Iyer.—There are so many schools opened by Government such as the Mechanical Engineering School, Police Training School, etc., and there is a large number of students who have come from outside and are stopping in common Hotels far away from their schools. Hostels similar to the Victoria Hostel at Madras may be constructed in Bangalore also. If there are no funds, debentures may be issued. The Y. M. C. A. is prepared to construct such a Hostel at a cost of one lakh of rupees if a suitable site is given to them. They will construct the building and give rooms for rent. Already, they are accommodating some students by employing caste cooks

for their use. It is better, Government decide one way or the other, either give the site to the Y. M. C. A. or issue debenture loans for raising the money.

Dewan.—Noted for consideration.

SUBJECT No. 260.

A Railway Line from Bangalore to Hosur.

Mr. B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Anekal Taluk.

At present, there is no link for about 30 miles between the Kolar Light Railways and Hosur-Morapur Light Railways. This will be supplied if there is a line between Bangalore and Hosur *via* Anekal. This line will be a paying line. This should be taken up by the District Board, of course under Government orders. The difficulty is that, now that the Gevernment have floated 6½ per cent loans, we are unable to get loans at 6 per cent. We are prepared to pay the Railway Cess, but Government should raise the amount necessary for the line and get it accomplished.

Second Member of Council.—The present policy is that main lines should be undertaken by Government and feeder lines by District Boards. Until the District Board comes forward with money, we can do nothing. With regard to the direct Bangalore-Hosur line, we have to act with two other Railway authorities. They do not agree with each other and with us. The matter is still under correspondence.

SUBJECT No. 261.

Housing the poor.

Messrs. B. V. Krishna Iyengar and S. K. Narasimhaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

Mr. S. K. Narasimhaiya.—The Bangalore Municipality have at present sanctioned the building of 70 houses. The question of housing the poor is an important matter at the present juncture and it is quite necessary that Government should grant at least a lakh of rupees in the first instance to enable the Municipality to cope with the problem.

Dewan.—After you have exhausted your present resources, we shall consider the matter.

Mr. Narasimhaiya.—This is an all absorbing problem to the Municipality at the present time. In the Mill Road, for instance, as many as 30 to 40 people live in one house. This sort of congestion must be removed if public health should be promoted. These are veritiable breeding houses for plague and other epidemics.

Mr. Gopalswamy Iyer.—We have arranged at present to build 70 houses at our own expense. We know that the problem of housing the poor should be tackled by the Municipality itself but if Government gives us one lakh of rupees, we can help the people better by providing Sanitary houses. Poor people